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## Thursday, Aug 5

### This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will feature video from Field Day taken by Paul, N1DGT.

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## President's Message

Down to the wire again! I sure hope this makes it into the Circuit.

Well, I'm hip deep in bringing up 30 new boards at work. I'll try to bring one of them to the August meeting, to show you what I do for 3Com. It's been getting in the way of my FARA work, and I try not to let that happen too often. Consequently, the antennas are *still* not back up (though they are almost finished).

The good news is that the IC-251, which had an AC supply failure, is back on line with a new DC power cable. The web site is up to date, and the shack is relatively clean. I have started on the long awaited remote reset for the packet cluster node, and the doors to the shack have some nifty new frames for our nameplate.

September brings our annual picnic (on the 5<sup>th</sup>). Get your picnic reservations and payments in to Bev, N1LOO. There'll be plenty of food, the usual beach and water sports, and, of course, a radio!

Also coming up in September is the state "Simulated Emergency Test" on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to work at the MEMA bunker for several hours (food provided). Talk to me or Marc, WA1R. I'll be there, and I have been told it's not hard work.

Finally, there's the Flea Market. This is when we make most of our money for the year, so tell all your friends, and pick up some flyers in the shack to hand out.

73,

Peter, KA1AXY

## Field Day Wrap-up

by Dave Hoaglin, K1HT

This year was another successful Field Day for FARA. Setup went smoothly (especially with one fewer tower — the VHF antennas were supported instead by a tower truck, recently retired from a certain local TV station!). The weather, though hot and humid, produced no thunderstorms. Propagation was good on several bands (but not all — 15 meters was a disappointment). And, as usual, the food was excellent!

Altogether we made 2,946 QSOs (30 fewer than last year), and our claimed score (including 900 points in bonuses) was 9,434 (about 500 points below last year). So, for the first time in several years, we didn't set a new record for FARA; but we made a very respectable showing, in a year when we were taking a more relaxed approach to Field Day. From the scores that have appeared on the 3830 Reflector on the Internet, it looks as if we'll be #5 in class 3A. (The leader, K9RN in Illinois — with 1,810 QSOs on 20, 1,019 on 40, and 981 on 15 — must have had propagation very different from ours!) It was nice to see solid improvements in three of our totals. The VHF station,

using only 6 and 2 this year, took advantage of some good openings to rack up 285 QSOs. Novice/Tech (N1LOO), with 142 QSOs on 10 SSB, had its best showing since 1994. And W1FY shared in the fun on 10 to the tune of 250 QSOs.

To all who participated, congratulations on a job well done!

Turn the page for scores and more on FARA Field Day 1999



### Field Day 1999, W1FY/N1LOO Scores:

Band	CW	SSB
80	105	250
40	403	246
20	604	473
15	99	89
10	109	141
VHF	1	284
Novice/Tech		142
Total	1321	1625

**FARA Thanks...**  
 FARA would like to thank the following organizations for their contributions to this year's Field Day.  
 Applebee's  
 McDonalds, Rt 30 Framingham  
 Poland Spring  
 Mass Army National Guard  
 WBZ



### Field Day 1999 on the Web

[www.gsl.net/fara/fieldday/fdhome.html](http://www.gsl.net/fara/fieldday/fdhome.html) is where you will find a complete wrap-up of Field Day 1999 and along with Field Day's from the previous three years. In the Field Day 1999 section you will find the scores along with a very nicely done picture section assembled by Sharon, KC1YR. Pictures taken by Peter, KA1AXY, Sharon, KC1YR and Leo, W1THAM have all been made into photo albums that are quickly viewed through the web. There is also a page devoted to "FARA in the News" where you will find newspapers articles from the Boston Globe and the Metrowest Daily News about FARA's Field Day endeavors. There is also a Real Media file of an interview with Dick, K1KTK on WBZ Radio's "New England Weekend."



Field Day Pictures in this Newsletter were taken by Sharon, KC1YR.

IOCTA '99, AA1IZ: George's Island NA-148 - Photo by Kerianne, KB1DZM



Nine FARA members operated from George's Island in Boston Harbor for the Islands on the Air Contest on July 23rd to 25th.

From left to right Martin, AA1ON, Bob, W1RH, Sharon, KC1YR, Lee, KA1USL, Dennis, NB1B, Dave, K1HT, Adam, N1KC, Steve, AA1IZ and Bev, N1LOD. Look for a complete article in an upcoming issue.

**FARA Picnic**  
YMCA Harrington Outdoor Center  
Boylston, MA  
(off rt 290)  
September 5, 1999  
12-6 PM  
Waterfront open 2 - 5 PM  
\$5 per person over 12  
Please bring a side dish or dessert

**Post Meeting "Shmoozes"**  
By George, N1XAN

Due to popular demand, FARA will bring back the past popular post General Meeting "Shmoozes". Attendees are asked to bring a donation of anything edible that goes with a cup of coffee such as cake, cookies, barbecued rattlesnake, anything as long as it isn't on the endangered species list, but covered by FARA's insurance. Controlled substances and uncontrolled appetites not allowed!

**Membership Dues**

Annual membership dues are as follows: (Make checks payable to FARA)

Regular FARA \$10  
Student / Retired \$5  
Repeater (voluntary) \$10



**Amy and Martin's Wedding July 3rd, 1999**

Amy Nichols and Martin Bayes were married on July 3rd at the Sapphire Manor Inn in Sharon, Massachusetts.

Martin, AA1ON, has been a member of FARA for over 10 years. Amy, KB1DXN, recently received her license at License in a Weekend.

Lee, KA1USL was best man. Several FARA members were present.

Photos were taken by Sharon, KC1YR. More can be found on her Web Site at:  
<http://members.tripod.com/~smachlis/martinaamy/>



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